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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Lederberg:

It was kind of you to write me concerning a reference that you have considered including in your projected review of Lindegren's yeast work. You really need have no cause to be concerned with such a reference as the statements that I have made have been purely verbal. It was very generous of you, however, to think of it.

My analysis of the data occurred in this way. I saw Lindegren's paper in manuscript form and at that time worked through the data on a polysomic basis to see if it would apply. Considering our knowledge of genetics, his cytogene hypothesis seemed fantastic when built upon such limited evidence. The polysomic analysis worked out well enough, considering the limited data. An extended analysis would have cleared the picture considerably. I have made, however, no formal statement concerning possible polyploid or polysomic inheritance to explain his results. Please don't feel that you must give me credit. It is not necessary.

With best regards to you and Esther,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara McClintock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Barbara McClintock